



Rockford Police Department

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ARREST RELEASE

ROCKFORD, ILL. – On Thursday, September 15, 2016 shortly before 2:00 a.m. patrol officers from the Rockford Police Department responded to the area of Kilburn Avenue and Sunnyside Avenue in reference to shots fired. While officers were checking the area, an adult female victim called 911 indicating she had been battered by her boyfriend at a residence in the 3100 block of Sunnyside Avenue. The victim also reported that her boyfriend, Donald Whitaker, had also fired a handgun both inside and outside the residence during the incident.

Officers arrived at the residence and met with Whitaker who was taken into custody without incident. The residence and area were checked and it was determined that no one was struck by any of the gunfire. Whitaker was subsequently lodged in the Winnebago County Jail on the following charges:

ARRESTED: Donald Whitaker 43-years-old Rockford, IL
CHARGES: Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm
Aggravated Intimidation
Domestic Battery

A photo of Whitaker is attached. The name of the victim is not being released due to the domestic violence element of the offense.

No further information is available at this time.

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All charges are merely allegations and parties are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

